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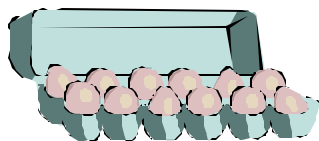
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the lighter weight eggs. However, in North Carolina, prices were higher on large. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate. In the Midwest, supplies were barely adequate to tight on mediums and adequate to well balanced on the larger sizes. Other regions, supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient and demand was mostly moderate. Light type fowl were adequate for regular slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents higher for mediums when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best into scattered feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for regular schedules and demand was moderate. Light type hens were about adequate for the light demand. Processing schedules were irregular.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited features were in progress. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 1 cent higher for mediums and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wiscosin were not changed. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was mixed, mostly fair. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to well balanced for the larger sizes and barely adequate to tight for mediums. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for current needs. Demand was mostly moderate with most breakers relying on regular commitments and company owned production at this time. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were adequate to in balance. The trade sentiment was at least steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where limited features are a factor. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on the smaller eggs and unchanged on the remainder of sizes when compared to previous week. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white carton large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 20th was 74.63 cents, 0.72 cents more than the week before and 26.81 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for current processing requirements.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	99-101	96-98	65-67
New York	74-76	71-74	64-67
Philadelphia	72-74	70-72	62.5-64
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	68-69	66.5-68	56-57
Jackson (1)	76-77	75-76	65-66
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-90	74-88	61-75
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	56-61
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-64	52-55
Major Ohio Cities (2)	63-69	62-67	53-59
Major Wisconsin Cities	66-73	64-71	56-63
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	84-89	80-83	68-70
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	95	85

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly good. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 65. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-139. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	121
EXTRA LARGE	104
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	85

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	187-209
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	145-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 27, 2000 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 20, 2000 were 275,974 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 11 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	241,521	34,453	275,974

% change from the prior week.....	+4	-9	+2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with most breakers relying on regular commitments and company owned production at this call. Offerings were usually adequate for current needs. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment at least steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	44-47	45-46
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-32	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-6	5.31

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were generally adequate for trade requirements. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing easily. The market tone was mixed but steady to full steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1.75-9.5	2.75-6	4.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Oct 23,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	19.3	9.7	16.3	9.4 64.7
	Change	-1.7	2.3	1.2	1.0	-0.3 4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.7	42.6	13.0	27.9	21.7 127.9
	Change	-0.3	0.6	-0.9	1.5	-0.8 0%
Large	Curr Wk	51.0	96.1	58.7	79.3	90.6 375.7
	Change	11.8	8.7	-4.2	2.0	6.9 7%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.8	27.8	12.6	17.8	20.8 87.8
	Change	-2.5	-3.4	0.1	-0.7	-3.0 -10%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	7.5	3.0	5.7	5.2 24.6
	Change	-0.9	0.4	-0.5	0.3	0.0 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	15.9	7.6	11.6	3.9 45.0
	Change	0.2	-0.3	1.5	1.5	0.2 7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.7	42.4	17.8	28.1	38.1 157.1
	Change	2.1	6.8	3.6	5.1	-1.6 11%
Total	Curr Wk	132.4	251.6	122.4	186.7	189.7 882.8
Percent	Change	7%	6%	1%	6%	1% 4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	882.8	4%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	378.5	1%	39
Total Shell Egg	1261.3	3%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 09, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 09, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	134	134	124	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 20, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS		TOTAL LOADS							
12.75								7.50		20.25							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	47.50	—	—	50.00	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 2	—	53.00	47.00	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W XL	—	—	55.00	56.50	52.00	—	1.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	62.50	.50		
GL W LG	—	—	53.50	55.00	50.21	—	4.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	60.43	1.75		
GL W MD	—	—	48.50	50.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	45.00	—	—	.50	NRBS - 42	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	42.00	43.50	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	3.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/16/00-10/20/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS		TOTAL LOADS							
100.50								56.00		156.50							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	47.50	54.50	48.25	49.86	—	51.00	34.00	GNR W 1	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	8.00		
GNR W 2	46.50	51.00	47.00	48.00	44.83	48.25	9.00	GNR W 2	—	57.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	43.50	46.00	2.00	GNR W 3	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR BR 1	—	56.00	52.00	—	—	—	1.75	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.00	—	1.00	GL W J	58.00	—	—	—	58.00	61.33	1.50		
GL W XL	—	58.75	55.00	56.32	51.73	55.31	24.25	GL W XL	56.00	58.83	—	—	54.44	61.38	10.50		
GL W LG	57.00	—	53.38	54.91	50.40	—	25.50	GL W LG	53.89	57.36	—	—	55.71	60.28	19.50		
GL W MD	—	52.50	47.50	49.00	45.75	50.00	13.00	GL W MD	47.16	51.00	50.00	—	—	54.55	10.50		
GL W SM	25.50	27.00	27.50	29.50	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	45.00	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 42	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	42.00	43.50	43.40	44.60	9.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	3.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	34.50	4.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	25.00	28.00	—	—	.75										

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/08/00 - 10/14/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,399	0	0	785	0	1,615	1,743	0	5,542
C. CA	0	2,220	0	0	0	0	5	0	19	2,244
S. CA	3,903	10,512	5,560	756	0	900	0	8,783	0	30,414
TOTAL STATE	3,903	14,131	5,560	756	785	900	1,620	10,526	19	38,200

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	80-83	77-80	46-49	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
70-73	61-67	59-64	50-55	27-31

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
44-46	36-38	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
83.27	82.27	70.76	47.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/16/00	10/9/00	10/19/99
PACIFIC COAST	499	592	20
LOS ANGELES	446	540	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR OCTOBER 17, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	146.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 10/8/00-10/14/00
30-dozen cases 4,553

Receipts from the mainland: 10/1/00-10/7/00
30-dozen cases 3,816

SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

U.S. egg production totaled 6.84 billion during September 2000, down slightly from the 6.86 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.80 billion table eggs and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2000 averaged 325 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during September 1999.

September egg production per 100 layers was 2,101 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,128 eggs in September 1999. September 2000 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in September 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2000, totaled 326 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 326 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2000, averaged 69.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from the 70.6 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.40 billion eggs during September, down 1 percent from September 1999. The average number of layers during September, at 305 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

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